(d) if so, the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) According to Government of NCT of Delhi, 430 cases of fake doctors (unqualified|unregistered) have been detected, details of which have been submitted to the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi.

(d) The Government of NCT of Delhi have constituted a Committee consisting of Medical Council of India, Board of Homeopathic System of Medicine, Delhi Police (Crime) and Drug Controller Department. The Committee in consultation with Director of Health Services is expected to identify such unqualified unregistered medical practitioners and report the matter to Crime Branch, Delhi Police for further necessary action.

threat perception of US Arms supply to Pakistan

*330 SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. decision to resume supply of strategic military hardware to Pakistan has accentuated India,s threat perception;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether such a situation, close on the heels of Islamabad,s successful testfiring of the Hatf-III missile and China's upgradation of its missile regime targeted on India, along with several other countries, is very tense;

(d) whether Government propose to take some drastic action in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the resumption of US arms supply worth Dollar 368 million to Pakistan in April 1996 following the passage of the Brown Amendment in the US Congress.

(b) Government have expressed concern at this development as an encouragement to Pakistan's nuclear and missile programmes. Government have conveyed India's concern at these developments to the US authorities. Government remain committed to take appropriate steps to safeguard India's security.

(c) Government have seen media reports about Pakistan's test firing of a medium range missile as well as China's reported deployment of missiles against India and other countries including Russia.

(d) and (e) The acquisition of missiles and related technologies by Pakistan and China are being continuously monitored and assesed by Government. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

Non-Depositing of CPF by Transport Companies engaged with Mother Dairy

*331 SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transport companies engaged with the Mother Dairy's Fruit and Vegetable plant at Mangolpuri, Delhi are not depositing Central Provident Fund of their drivers and helpers with the Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to take strict action against the Transport companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) (a) to (c) There are thirteen transporters engaged

with the Mother Dairy's Fruit and Vegetable plant at Mangolpuri, Delhi who are not depositing PF under the EPF Scheme, 1952. Legal action under 7A and 14 of the EPF and MP Act, has been initiated.

Criticism of India's Economic Liberalisation Programme by ASEAN

*332. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India's economic liberalisation programme came in for heavy criticism at the recent ASEAN meeting;

(b) if so, what steps the Ministry of External Affairs has taken to prevent such criticism on economic issues in future;

(c) the role played by the Ministry in creating goodwill which can translate into foreign investments in the country; and

(d) what is the details analysis of various critical statements made against India at the above meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) No, Sir. There was no criticism of India's economic liberalisation programme at the recent ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) in Kuala Lumpur. In fact, at the PMC all the ASEAN countries appreciated the progress made in Indo-ASEAN economic cooperation including in trade, investment and infrastructure in the past year since India became a full Dialogue Partner of ASEAN.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

(c) The Government has been actively involved in promoting foreign investment into India particularly through our Missions abroad. Encouraging foreign investors to invest in India is a concerted and ongoing effort. The steps undertaken for this purpose involve publicity, seminars, interaction with business leaders abroad and providing guidance and information to foreign investors at various stages as also exchanges between apex chambers of commerce and industry and joint venture partners.

Mismanagement in the Rashtriya Ayurveda Sansthan

*333. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in Rajasthan Patrika, Jaipur, dated the 20th June, 1997, under the caption "Rashtriya Ayurveda Sansthan Kuparbandhan Ka Paryay";

(b) if so what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

There are ten sanctioned posts for Professors of these nine posts have been lying vacant due to retirement of the incumbents in position/non-filling up newly created posts. Advertisements have been made from time to time for recruitment. However, due to non availability of suitable candidates the posts could not be filled up. Meanwhile NIA Service Rules were processed for amendments and finally amended rules were notified on 29.3.97. Vacancies have now been again advertised and applications received.

There are 38 Nursing staff pharmacists in the Hospital to cater to the needs of nursing. The staff is available round the clock.

Out of 12 Departments Post-graduate courses are run in 9 disciplines of Ayurveda. Though intake capacity of these